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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

## PATENT APPLICATION

Applicants : Michael R. Hale et al.  
Application No. : 10/613,650 Confirmation No. : 4616  
Filed : July 2, 2003  
For : INHIBITORS OF ASPARTYL PROTEASE  
Group Art Unit : 1625  
Examiner : Charanjit Aulakh

Palo Alto, CA 94301  
November 27, 2006

**Mail Stop Amendment**  
Hon. Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Sir:

This is in response to the May 25, 2006 Office Action in the above-identified application. Applicants submit concurrently herewith a Petition under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.17(a)(3) to extend the time for replying for a period of three months up to and including November 25, 2006. Because November 25, 2006 is a Saturday, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.7(a) the time to respond is extended to and including Monday, November 27, 2006. This response is therefore timely filed.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 17 of this paper.